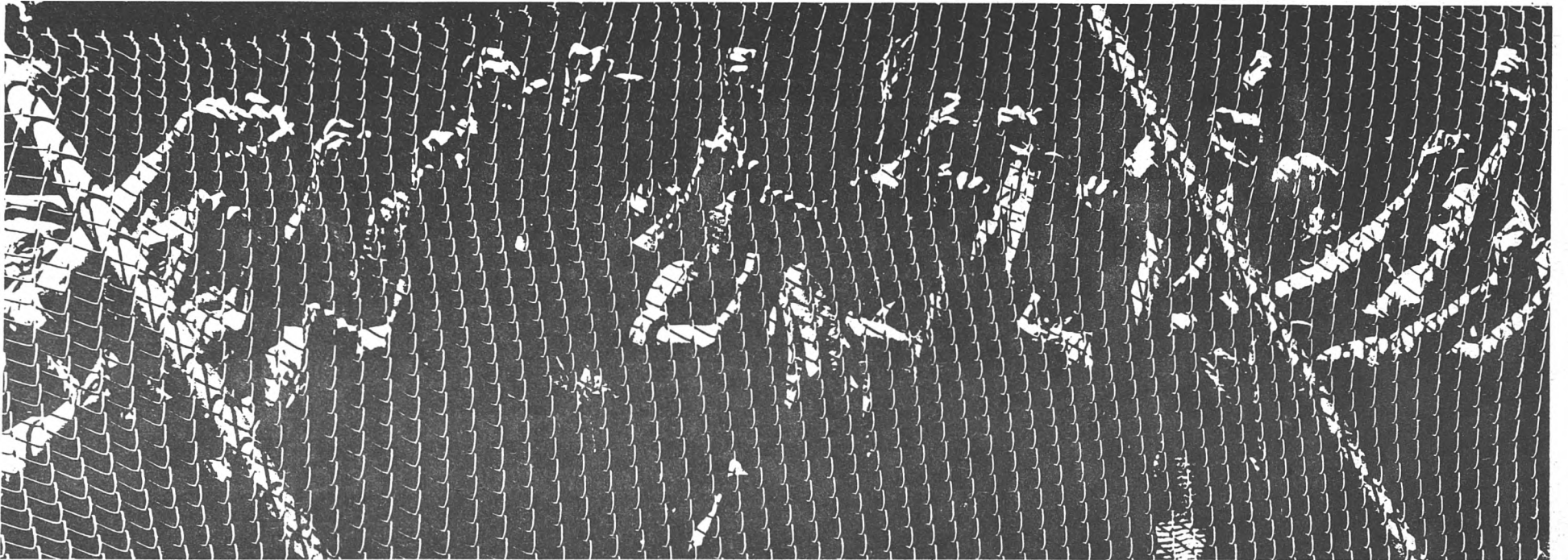


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TEAR DOWN THE WALLS!



Hunted down like animals, forced to accept the lowest wages for the lowliest jobs, and made the objects of racist denunciations by the likes of reactionaries like "Evil" Younger, Mexican immigrant — the so-called "illegal aliens" — face yet another assault by the State on their rights. On July 19, the House of Representatives passed house bill 12443 (the Ellsberg bill), which combined the immigration waiting lists into a single, worldwide pool — and which would, in effect, push Latin Americans to the back of the line. In the wake of a Congressional mandate for State-sanctioned racism, the Administration took legal action during July of 1978 to cancel most of the existing visas for Mexico; The bureaucrats are also gearing up to cancel the temporary residence permits given to Mexicans in the US who are here without documents and who are on the waiting lists of various American consuls for immigrant visas.

This brazen attack on an entire people — this bureaucratic edict which ignores the reality of a 3000 mile border, and the economic

facts of life — is an insult to every American citizen of Latin-American descent. It would seem that the unabashed racism behind this action — and the incredible arrogance of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, whose spies infest the *barrios* of California like lice on the body politic — would be hard to top.

But the INS bureaucrats have managed to do it.

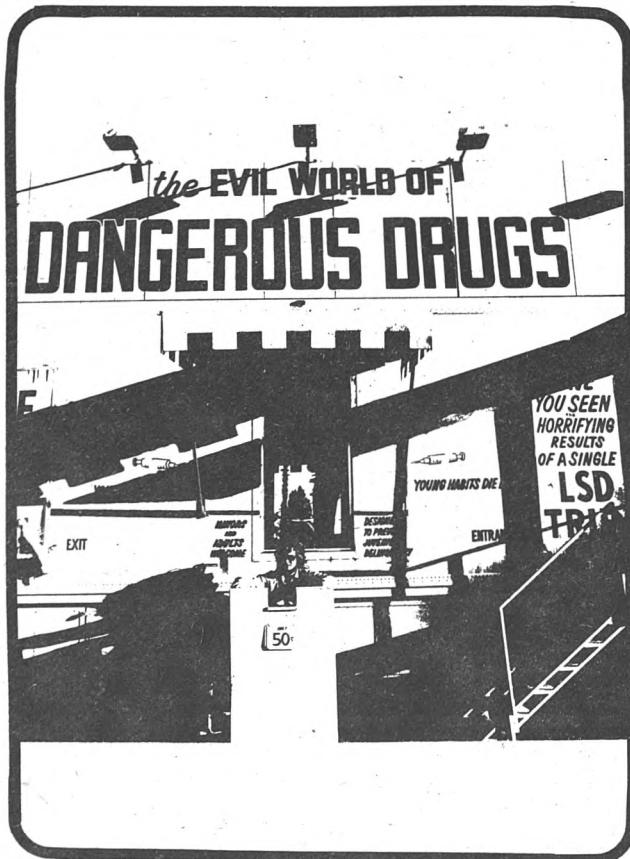
Congress has appropriated \$3.5 million to build a concrete-and-steel fence along parts of the Mexican border. The details of this monument to the inherent racism of the American State — and of *all* States everywhere — are truly grotesque, and they include; 12 feet of dense steel fencing, specially hardened to resist wire-cutters; A concrete base sunk at least two feet into the ground to prevent tunneling; A chain-link upper section designed to sway when anyone tries to scale it; and, finally, razor-sharp points on top, meant to mutilate or impale those who (somehow) get that far. This monster structure is supposed to go up at San

Ysidro, California, and El Paso, Texas. More than half of the "illegal aliens" who were caught exercising their right to travel freely were arrested in those areas, according to the INS. INS director Leonel Castillo justifies this slap in the face of the Mexican people by claiming that building a fence is cheaper than hiring another 1000 border guards.

Apparently the efforts of the local Ku Klux Klan — which publicly offered to help patrol the border in order to keep Texas Anglo — aren't enough.

Of course, it would be futile to point out to Mr. Castillo that it would be "cheaper" to tear down the walls than it would be to reinforce them; futile, and completely beside the point. Human misery and oppression are not measured in such terms, except by bureaucrats drunk with power, who would sooner betray their own people than give up even a fraction of that power. The ruling class in this country — backed up by

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DEA BRAGS — AT TAXPAYERS' EXPENSE

It's slick — full color photos printed on very glossy paper, — and expensive; but it doesn't have much of a circulation. There's no subscription information anywhere in the magazine; not a coupon in sight; no mention of price anywhere, not even in the small print on the contents page. Unlike *Libertarian Vanguard* — which depends on subscriptions — *Drug Enforcement* magazine has an unlimited budget. It is the official organ of the Drug Enforcement Administration, one of the largest secret police networks in the world — and the September 1978 issue is a fascinating document. Its theme is "inter-agency cooperation", as Peter R. Bensinger — who has just finished boasting about how his gang of armed hoodlums expropriated several tons of marijuana from its rightful owners — relates in the lead article:

"The days of provincial professionalism, jurisdictional disputes, and institutional rivalry are over."

Bensinger, DEA Administrator, isn't kidding; *Drug Enforcement's* Table of Contents reads like a Who's Who of the bureaucratic high command. One of the big features is a piece by Leonel Castillo, Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, entitled "Illegal Aliens and Illicit Drugs", and we quote:

"The Service Remotely Monitored Sensor System, designed and utilized primarily to aid in the prevention of illegal entry into the United States, has proven extremely effective in drug interdiction. Shortly after installation of the new El

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the full power of a rapidly expanding State apparatus — isn't really concerned about the price of repression. Their sole concern is *maintaining their own power*; They will *never* give up their "right" to draw an arbitrary line across a map and call it a "border" — that "right" is bound up in the very concept of the State itself, and is the foundation on which the whole structure of authority is built. To challenge their sacrosanct borders — to ignore a completely arbitrary line drawn by some bureaucrat twice-removed from reality — is to strike at the very heart of government power. Each time a Mexicano defies the border patrol, outruns the police dogs, and crosses without getting caught, it is a revolutionary act. The US government, and the Anglo bureaucracy knows this very well; a 12-foot fence topped with spikes might seem like an incredible over-reaction to the average person — but for the ruling class bureaucrats, it is simply a matter of survival. They know that they cannot permit the foundations of their authority to be chipped away, bit by bit, without eventually having to face the complete collapse of State authority. Don't bother writing a letter to your Congressman; even demonstrations — although they would help publicize this latest government atrocity — would ultimately be to no avail. This is one issue the Washington bureaucratic elite will never compromise on, because they know their continued existence depends on a hard line. If a State cannot defend the sanctity of its borders — the bureaucrats reason, correctly — then it loses all claim to authority and "legitimacy".

To fight for the rights of undocumented immigrants to live and work in this country is to realize that there's nothing "legitimate" about the State. And the only way to fight for those rights — as long as the authority of racist bureaucrats is firmly entrenched — is *active resistance*. The spies of the Immigration Department must be hunted down — just as they hunt their Mexicano victims down in every *barrio* in California — and rooted out, by the Chicano population. If an entire population refuses to cooperate — and *fights back* — the bureaucrats will soon have trouble recruiting spies, no matter how well paid. This blatantly racist campaign to keep California white, by any means necessary, *must be fought by any means necessary*.

The economic exploitation of workers — which, everyone tells us, is caused by the market economy — is here clearly being caused by government. Although the racists would have us think that Mexicanos are incapable of performing any but the most menial jobs, in fact they are forced into such low-paid positions by the brutal fact of their illegal status. Of course, the bureaucrats don't really believe the wall will keep out Mexicano workers. As INS Washington chief Robin Clack says: "All this is supposed to do is to throw them into the desert where they'll be easier to catch." Some will get through; and these will be ripe for economic and political exploitation, a permanent government-created underclass, to be forced onto the welfare roles — or, if they're "lucky", forced to work as underpaid servants in the mansions of the more successful bureaucrats.

The economic exploitation of undocumented workers is one of the greatest tragedies of statist interventionism, a crime perpetrated on a mass scale — the kind of crime that grinds up whole populations, mangles hopes and all ambition. "Alien" status does more than merely undercut the illegal immigrant's bargaining power; it places the Mexicano worker completely at the mercy of his or her employer. Working conditions for Mexicano workers are worse than they are for the police dogs of the Border Patrol. Illegals in industrial jobs work, on the average, 44.5 hours per week. Compare that to 35.9 hours for Anglos.

But nothing beats the following atrocity — brought to you by aspiring bureaucrat Leonel Castillo and the INS secret police — as told by

Steven Chapmen, in the July/August 1977 *Washington Monthly*:

"[Mexican Workers] are also vulnerable to even more flagrant abuses. It is a common practice for farmers in the southwest to hire illegal Mexicans for a couple of weeks and then call the Border Patrol when payday rolls around. The Border Patrol hauls the aliens away and the farmer gets a couple of weeks' labor for only the cost of room and board. A former official of California's North County Chicano Federation told the San Diego Human Resources Agency that such incidents are standard practice among many citrus and flower growers, who they estimate owe illegal aliens \$20,000 in back pay. Another Chicano organization said that kickbacks to field bosses and excessive deductions for room and board likewise are common practices."

All this made possible by a gang of hoodlums who ought to be turned over to their victims — instead of being given fat-cat jobs in the INS goonsquad bureaucracy. The most sickening aspect of this criminal xenophobia is the fact that *Chicano citizens are forced to subsidize this racist policy with their tax dollars*. There is alot of talk about the tax revolt, these days — but it isn't just an Anglo issue. Jarvis and his imitators saw that workers in the private sector were being exploited by the parasitic drain of the New Class bureaucrats — and they beat the regulators. But the same parasites feed on us *all*. What is needed is a Third World tax revolt. The New Class is picking the pocket of the Latino community with one hand, and stabbing it in the back with the other.

The immigrants come from everywhere. They come in boats, rickety aircraft, under fences — and over them; As juntas of the left and of the right turn great portions of the world into sprawling landscapes of smoking ruins, the young and the defiant take a risk for freedom rather than submit to life without hope. They come from the Phillipines — whose dictator, President Marcos, is subsidized by Jimmy "Human Rights" Carter and the modern Metternichs in the State Department. They come from Palestine — whose homeland has been conquered by Zionist colonialists with the full cooperation and sanction of the United States. For them, it's either immigration or life in a concentration camp.

Latin American immigrants face attacks from both left and right. The parasites of the New Class, who are always screaming for more "social welfare" programs, can't wait to get them on the dole, and trap them into economic and political dependency. The right-wingers are busy whipping up the Anglos into a frothy-mouthed frenzy at the prospect of a bi-racial, bi-lingual western United States. Both are racist assaults; the socialist left is blind to the fact that the Mexicans are too proud a people to be content with Anglo handouts, and the redneck Right is just plain blinded by hatred. The politicians don't care who they manipulate, or how much their gigantic manipulations cost in terms of human misery and resources. In the face of all this, the Latin American community has a responsibility to its "illegal alien" sisters and brothers (and, yes, *literally* their mothers and fathers) — *the Latino community must preserve its political independence*. Do not expect the "major" parties to support you in the struggle, because their stake in preserving the system of State power is tremendous. Any help from the "liberals" and their socialist allies ought to be looked upon with the utmost suspicion; they have no use for a prosperous Latino community, competing successfully with Anglos on a free and open market, without the need for "social services". These smug, self-righteous Anglos think the political support of any oppressed

minority group can be *bought*. This kind of racism is more insidious because it comes disguised as "concern".

Libertarians are concerned in quite a different way — we are concerned with resistance to the program of the racist bureaucrats. We are fighting on every front to roll back the power of the State on every level. We realize that only *governments* can build walls to keep people out; only *governments* hire spies; only *governments* have the power to enforce racist policies through the barrel of a gun. The struggle against racism is part of the greater struggle against the unchecked power of the State.

The fight for the right to potentially unlimited mobility can begin just as soon as the enemy is clearly identified. Although INS director Leonel Castillo was appointed by Carter as a sop to the Latino community, and although Castillo is chastized by hardcore racists like Congressman Joshua Ellsberg (chairman of the House Committee on Immigration), listen to his own words if you want to examine the soul of a bureaucrat:

"Enforcement and humanity are both parts of the same coin. You cannot be good at enforcing unless you are compassionate . . . *I just accept the fact that I'm going to take my lumps. I accept the fact that when I put in a soccer field or an exercise room or a Ping Pong table or try to meet the minimum standards of the Bureau of Prisons that will cause me some adverse reaction.*" (Cited by Jack Anderson in the *Washington Post*, 11/5/78.) (Emphasis added.)

What is being accepted here? How are brutal laws enforced with "compassion"? If Mr. Castillo is so afraid of an "adverse reaction" from the racists for providing Mexican prisoners with Ping Pong tables, wait until he encounters the adverse reaction from his own people after claiming oppression is somehow made tolerable when it comes complete with recreational facilities, and that he is somehow absolved!

Castillo and his ilk — the new breed of "progressives" in Washington, who have managed to co-opt the "minority group" franchise — are worse than their predecessors. At least the old guard — personified by ex-marine General Leonard Chapman, an out-and-out racist, who retired as INS Director last year — did not attempt to hide its motives or intentions. The year Chapman retired, 875,000 immigrants were apprehended — in Castillo's first year, the figure went up to 1,000,000. In fact, the enormity of the crime against Third World immigrants and their families in this country has increased by leaps and bounds. Liberals and conservatives stand equally accused; if this struggle is ever won, Rep. Joshua Ellsberg, Leonel Castillo, Jimmy Carter, and all those responsible for making and enforcing policy will be tried for crimes against humanity, if there is any justice left in the world by that time.

The Libertarian Party (Radical Caucus) calls on the Latino community, and all other victims of state intervention in our lives to join with us in actively resisting government enforcement of racist immigration policies. What the struggle requires is a broad-based coalition of diverse organizations united by a single issue; the complete abolition of *all* immigration laws and quotas. Join us in launching a massive, visible campaign to tear down the walls and open the border.

The first priority of this movement must be to expose the source of oppression: the State. All efforts by the "liberals" and the INS to whitewash their campaign to keep America Anglo must be met by a concerted effort to publicize the continued repression of defenseless immigrants. If you want to get active in the fight against the INS, Leonel Castillo, and his sugar-coated mass deportation program, contact your local Libertarian Party office, or write the Libertarian Party of California, 1620 Montgomery Street, SF, CA 94111. Telephone: (415) 397-1336.

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Wanted For High Crimes



Pictured above: DEA terrorist czar Peter Bensinger; William Webster, FBI chieftain; Leonel Castillo, INS chief flunky; Singleton B. Wolfe, IRS career bureaucrat; Admiral Owen Siler, US Coast Guard Commandant; Major General Paul Timmerberg, U.S. Army "Criminal Investigation Command."

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Paso Border Patrol Sector system, sensor alarms in the vicinity of Lordsburg, New Mexico, led to the seizure of two trucks containing 16,130 pounds of marijuana...

This article is illustrated with a photograph of two bewildered Mexicanos caught in the act of crossing the border, the glare of a spotlight reflected in their eyes. Not only is Castillo persecuting his own people — he's busy spreading the racist allegation that the "flood" of Mexicanos has caused the flood of drugs across the boarder. (In fact, the demand for drugs has caused the flood of drugs across the border.)

Robert E. Chasen — US Commissioner of Customs — also dwells on news from the Mexican border, leading off his article ("Drug Contraband Interdiction") with the story of how a Customs official got his hands on a shipment of heroin worth \$10.1 million.

Singleton B. Wolfe — "Assistant Commissioner (Compliance)" of the IRS — spins an Orwellian tale of IRS agents rifling through bank accounts and cross-gridding computerized information, all written in a decidedly military tone, to wit:

"Seizure and levy actions taken against assets in connection with narcotics assessments involving jeopardy or termination of taxable periods are in excess of a million dollars in fiscal 1978 for DEA-referred cases. An additional million dollars in assets are under seizure or levy in IRS-initiated narcotics cases. Thus far in fiscal 1978 we have collected \$348,000 as the result of seizure actions. Civil enforcement actions taken by

the Internal Revenue Service in narcotics cases rarely become known to the public. In one case alone, we recently terminated two taxable years on a suspected narcotics trafficker and assessed taxes of over \$8 million. The termination was the result of a DEA referral on an individual who possessed \$5 million in bank 'manager's' checks."

This kind of mentality — which uses words as a means of evasion rather than communication — is what will be "terminated" if and when the libertarian revolution sets us all free. Mr. Wolf's use of the word "seizure" is proof that he is perfectly aware of what he is, and what he does — the New Class is rarely so blunt. "By collecting taxes due on their illegal profits, we can help cut into the money these criminals would plow back into drug trafficking and other illegal activities," says Wolfe, whose hatred for profits of any kind is typical of bureaucrats as a class. In reading Mr. Wolfe's capsule biography, we are unsurprised to learn that he is "a career government official". They all talk like that.

Admiral Owen W. Siler — US Coast Guard Commandant — hits the nail right on the head with "The Nation's Seagoing Police Force", and we quote:

"Today, 45 years after the end of Prohibition, the nation's seagoing police force once again is engaged in an intense struggle against smugglers. The stage is larger, and the players far more numerous, but the plot remains the same..."

The plot has remained unchanged since the

first thugs became the first cops, since the first brutes became the first kings, and it consists of a single action — the initiation of force — repeated endlessly.

Among the other tantalizing titles to be found in this issue of *Drug Enforcement* are: "On The Lookout for Suspect Aircraft", by Federal Aviation Administration czar Langhorne Bond. It reads like it sounds.

Reading straight through *Drug Enforcement* magazine is like one long waking nightmare. Here are all the top bureaucrats in the land chortling over their pathetic triumphs — in order to make their case for even bigger budgets and for even more high technology snooping — and all at the taxpayers' expense! There's even a *centerfold*, with a full color photo of the EPIC computer center in El Paso which "combines the intelligence resources of six federal agencies that share responsibility for international border control." — and which looks like the control room of the starship *Enterprise*.

The DEA has murdered, looted, and threatened its way around the country and the world since its inception. Notorious for their terrorist tactics, DEA agents are better equipped and more thoroughly trained in totalitarian techniques than even the Shah of Iran's dreaded Savak secret police. "Interagency cooperation", in plain English, means totalitarian rule by the mega-bureaucracy. The next time you notice how much money they're taking out of your paycheck, think of the DEA — and all those glossy pages of slick propaganda.

And then contact your local Libertarian Party headquarters, and request an LPC membership application. It's the only way to fight back.

IN PRAISE OF OUTLAWS

by JUSTIN RAIMONDO

On the night of November 7, 1978, in one of those rare moments when the logic of current events approached the symmetry of fiction, the classic dilemma of the gay liberation movement was dramatized, clearly and decisively. That night, while California state senator John Briggs' Proposition 6 (which would have purged all gays from the public school system) was going down to overwhelming defeat, a second attempt to enact gay "civil rights" legislation in Dade county, Florida, was resoundingly defeated.

"This is just the beginning," lisped John Briggs from his southern California election night headquarters. Although Proposition 6 had been defeated, John Briggs was smiling. Having catapulted himself from absolute obscurity to national notoriety — and having built a solid political base, the springboard of a movement, with 41% of the vote — John Briggs had good reason to smile.

If the California election had been held in August, polls indicate it would have won with 60% of the vote. (As late as October, the polls were showing 43% in favor, 41% opposed, the rest undecided.) Only a massive campaign effort — which included the visible support of nearly every labor union, business operation, religious figure, and partisan luminary in the state — coupled with an eleventh-hour media blitz was enough to turn the tide.

Faced with the dismal prospect of a November ballot which was to read "HOMOSEXUAL TEACHERS Yes— No—", there wasn't a single gay activist in California who didn't envision an election night catastrophe. During those grim days in August, it was as if the Stonewall Revolution — the pitched battle between gays and police which took place ten years ago on New York City's Christopher Street, celebrated in the present by the annual Gay Freedom Day parades — had never happened. Gone was the defiance, the militancy, the revolutionary spirit of the 60's. The gay community was scared.

With good reason.

Still reeling from a series of stunning debacles in Eugene (Oregon), Wichita, and St. Paul — where clones of the Dade county ordinance were repealed by referendum — the self-proclaimed "leaders" of the gay community were now on the defensive. The very spirit and style of the struggle had changed. The very idea of Gays battling cops in the streets was now utterly unthinkable . . . in fact, the possibility of it filled the gay "leadership" with terror, like a nightmare threatening to come true. After all, what would the voters think? *What about all those straight voters watching it over their tv dinners?*

Ah yes, things had certainly changed. Instead of "gay liberation", movement-types discussed "gay rights". But the change in the political line was superficial compared to the changes in the gay subculture itself. The intransigence of a John Rechy (who is universally despised by both the bourgeois *Advocate* and the gay left press) had given way to the insipid, spinsterish romanticism of Patricia Nell Warren (author of *The Front Runner*, a gay version of *Love Story*, coy and sentimental in the tradition of *Wuthering Heights*). Rechy's vision of the gay as Outsider, rebel, anarchic outlaw — and the revolutionary spirit which had once animated "Stonewall Nation" — was replaced by the slick, seiventy image of "that nice couple next door."

The Nietzschean passions of Rechy's prose only embarrassed the stuffy gay "leadership". Gay political figures — Democratic party hacks, every one of them — were impatient to build a political machine on the strength of the drive to enact "anti-discrimination" ordinances. There is no room for the unique vitality of Rechy's sense-of-life (not to mention his sensuality) in the neat, ordered world of social democracy and central planning, where everything distinctive is blended in the great egalitarian

mixture of the state apparatus. There is room only for cheap parodies of heterosexual romances — like Ms. Warren's two white middle-class gayboys who, but for a bit of sodomy here and there, would have fit neatly into the latest issue of *Ladies Home Journal*.

The heritage of guilt, self-hatred, and self-denial — the residue of the *Boys In The Band* mentality — permeates the gay subculture. The failure to envision a sense of uniqueness and identity poisons the gay movement at every level.

Politically, the gay community is offered the most naive social democrat's integration fantasy, which is supposed to legislate anti-gay discrimination in housing and employment right out of existence, with a hint of "affirmative action" thrown in for good measure. Thus, the real needs and real class interests of the gay community — the preservation of gay economic interests and the political independence of the gay movement — are once again submerged, subordinated to outside interests.

Just as the black struggle for national self-determination was sold out by the "civil rights" moderates — whose ultimate goal was assimilation into white, bourgeois culture — so the struggle to preserve and protect the gay community has been sold out by the gay "civil rights" moderates, who seek assimilation because they desperately want "legitimacy", and whose ultimate goal is the submergence of the gay subculture into the grey sameness of the modern welfare state; these types won't be happy until they have shoved gays into the social democratic breadline, and dragged them, kicking and screaming, into "legitimate" society.

The campaign to make homosexuality "respectable" in the eyes of straight society coincides with the effort to organize a gay political machine tied to the apron-strings of the social democratic Left. Consistent with its pathetic goal — the approval of straight society — a more unimaginative campaign was never before conceived. In spite of tireless efforts to force gays into the proper mold, they will never fit into the ready-made "minority group" categories devised by the liberals to manipulate the genuine grievances of the dispossessed.

The momentum of the Stonewall revolt was checked, and reversed, by the Dade county gay activists who made the non-issue of discrimination in private housing and employment the major focus of their actions, and who succeeded in turning the Dade county campaign into a popularity poll on the "moral" aspects of homosexual behavior. The gay liberation movement devolves into the gay "civil rights" movement seeking alms. This tactic inevitably and necessarily put them on the defensive from the very onset: to seek "legitimacy" in this largely symbolic manner is to attempt to prove the moral worthiness of homosexuality; attempts which serve only to call that worthiness into question, by striking a posture of weakness and uncertainty. The opposition, led by Anita Bryant and her born-again constituency, took full advantage of this open, flagrant vulnerability. The only surprise of that campaign was the fact that Bryant and the bigots won two-to-one, instead of three-to-one.

The revolutionary spirit of the Stonewall action was smothered in the timid rhetoric of liberal reformism — couched in vague references to undefined "human rights" — as the gay community went down to a crushing defeat.

The pattern began to repeat itself all over the country; Wichita, Eugene, and St. Paul all repealed similar "civil rights" measures which allegedly protected gays from discrimination which barely existed in the first place, and which was barely even mentioned by the gay spokespersons during the course of any of the local campaigns. The gay "leaders" were too busy answering the Christian fundamentalist charge that homosexuality is a "sin" to

bother actually discussing the nature of the proposed legislation, or to bother noticing that *the bigots were being permitted to define the parameters of the struggle*. Bryant, and various local pastiche artists, were handed their electoral victories on a silver platter by gay "leaders" whose "demands" consisted of pleas for acceptance, and whose rhetoric was borrowed from the least militant of the old 1960's civil rights leaders.

What have the liberals and the civil rights dogmatists to offer the gay community but a reluctant alliance, and the dim prospect of assimilation?

Instead of twenty pieces of silver, what is the bureaucratic New Class (and their gay henchmen) holding up as a shining political ideal, a goal to fight and die for? What else but state-subsidized "gay community centers" run by Democratic Party ward-healers and the sycophants of the public sector, solely in the interests of building and maintaining a political machine, and an obscene system of political patronage. Not to mention proposals for "gay counseling centers" — where witch-doctors masquerading as psychiatrists will doubtless help gays adjust to their alleged "sickness", (presumably after the "anti-discrimination" ordinances have wiped out the urban gay "ghettos").

The real nature of the struggle for gay liberation — the real substance of gay class interests — was brought home the day state senator John Briggs qualified Proposition 6 for the November 1978 California ballot. The real enemy of the gay community, and of all minorities everywhere — State Power — had finally come out of the closet.

But the string of defeats made possible by the old-guard gay civil rights leaders had demoralized the gay community. David Goodstein, publisher of the *Advocate* (the largest, most "respectable" gay newspaper in the nation) proclaimed, in public and in print, that the gays didn't have a chance against Briggs. The polls told a sad story, indeed. The gay community was split so many different ways on how to approach the issue — in San Francisco alone, there were no less than *three* completely separate No-on-6 campaigns — that Goodstein's pessimism seemed almost justified.

But the fight against Briggs was a different kind of struggle altogether, although none of the so-called gay "leaders" realized it. (They still do not realize it.) The form of the struggle was not imposed on the participants; the campaign was allowed to develop spontaneously, along its own lines rather than along a line borrowed from someone else's struggle. Because it was the bigots who were asking for state intervention on their behalf, this time, the burden of the proof was on *them*. The fundamentalists were thrown immediately on the defensive by the civil libertarian arguments of the other side. Unlike the Dade county activists, the California coalition did not apologize for or in any way compromise their own sexuality by attempting to justify it in the eyes of the electorate. John Briggs tried his best to make the "morality" of homosexuality the central issue of the campaign. But the gay community did not repeat the mistakes of the past by letting Briggs call the tune; they forcefully and unhesitatingly *took the offensive*. Instead of defending themselves against a barrage of insults, the No-on-6 coalition attacked Prop. 6 as a brazen violation of individual rights, specifically the right of free speech and the right to privacy. These were activists in the literal, and only meaningful, sense of the word; they rejected the ideological passivity of the Dade county campaign, acted to challenge the enemy's premises, and succeeded in defining the parameters of the ensuing public discussion.

Although John Briggs tried to pretend that Prop. 6 was another Proposition 13 — in fact,

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the gay liberation forces triumphed precisely because of the spirit of that radical tax cut. It was the public's unrelenting hostility to Big Government which was the death-knell of the anit-gay crusade (that time around). For the first time, the gay community was organized around an issue which served its own class interests — that is, organized around an issue which did not contradict its historical relationship to the State.

Homosexual acts between consenting adults are illegal in most parts of the globe, and in half the states of the Union. Police entrapment, harassment, persecution — which takes the form of "raids" on gay bars, "street sweeps" in urban gay neighborhoods, and out-and-out assaults — is an everyday fact of reality for each and every one of the twenty-seven million lesbians and gay men in this country. The State is the primordial enemy of the sexual outlaw, the adversary in Rechy's "ancestral battle" how else to attain the status of outlaw? The only relationship possible between the gay community and the Government is a state of war. Unlike the partisans of the gay community, the partisans of the State have always pursued their class interests to the utmost; the State has always represented the interests of the traditional nuclear family (to the exclusion of all else), and it has done so openly and unapologetically. The tax structure (which discriminates against unmarried people, and people without children); laws regulating divorce, the laws against sodomy, and against same-sex marriages — all of these things are made possible by the burgeoning power of the State.

In Yemen, they used to push homosexuals off the edge of a cliff — now, they drop them from helicopters.

The historical oppression of gays by the State defines the spirit of their class interests; the interests of the gay community are *never* served by any increase in State power, even if it is allegedly on their behalf.

For example: In the city of San Francisco, the gay community is protected against economic discrimination (which does not, in fact, exist) — but *not* against violent attacks by anti-gay hoodlums (several of whom killed a young gay man named Robert Hillsborough, a few blocks from the gay ghetto, all the while shouting "Anita is right!" during the height of Ms. Bryant's witch-hunt; the murderers were allowed to plea-bargain their way out of it, right back onto the streets.) The real irony of the situation is that these much-touted "anti-discrimination" laws work *both ways*. In the city of San Francisco — where, according to a recent market research survey cited in the *SF Chronicle*, gays average 35% higher income levels than their straight counterparts in comparable age brackets; and where gays own a percentage of the residential and commercial property way out of proportion to their actual numbers — gay businesspersons and property-owners are *forbidden by law* to give their gay sisters and brothers first choice when it comes to housing and employment. This absurdity is further compounded by the fact that the late SF Supervisor, Harvey Milk — the first upfront gay elected official in the country — was responsible for that particular law!

Fortunately for the gay community of San Francisco, such laws are completely unenforceable.

The interests of the State and the interests of the gay community can never coincide; coercion is exclusively the instrument of bigotry, the first and last resort of every new Savonarola. The reactionary drive to outlaw homosexuality and drive gays back into the closet will take the form of a demand for an increase in State power — in this case, the power to invade the nation's bedrooms.

We have not heard the last of John Briggs and his ilk, as Briggs made very clear on election night; he vowed he'd try again in 1980, and you better believe it. The totalitarians of the New Right will stop at nothing in the drive to push gays back into the closet — and they know that the only way to do it is through the power of the State. The campaign to enact "anti-discrimination" placebos (a largely symbolic measure, at any rate) plays directly into the hands of the enemy: it strengthens the instrument of gay oppression (the State) and it raises the spectre of "affirmative action" and the certainty of an anti-gay backlash. The "civil rights" approach to gay liberation is utterly bankrupt; those self-proclaimed gay leaders who insist on it as an article of faith will soon find that they are generals without an army. When Bob Kunst — who led one of two separate groups opposing the repeal of the 1977 Dade county anti-discrimination ordinance — decided to try again this year, he was denounced by

Ruth Shack (the Dade county commissioner who introduced the original ordinance) for being "divisive", not to mention "meglomaniacal". "One question during the campaign was whether local gay people would campaign for the new ordinance," said the *Bay Area Reporter*, a San Francisco gay newspaper. "Many, bitten by the 2 - 1 defeat, sat this one out." The gay community is beginning to catch on to the fact that they have been "bitten" by their own leaders; those "leaders" are beginning to worry that they are losing their constituency, and with good reason.

But they didn't sit it out in California. How do you sit out Armageddon?

The Libertarian Party was active in the fight against Proposition 6 shortly after Briggs announced his intention to publicly crucify the gay community of California. The goal of the LP — to become a highly visible tendency in the massive, broad-based coalition to defeat Proposition 6, and to introduce as many gays as possible to libertarian principles and the LP — were more than realized. In spite of various attempts to link the loose state-wide coalition (known as "Californians Against the Briggs Initiative", or CABI) with other, irrelevant issues (such as the anti-Bakke crusade) the LP (united with others interested in winning the election) managed to maintain a single-issue approach.

Although LP activists up and down the state were deeply involved in the fight against Prop. 6 — LP gubernatorial candidate Ed Clark made it one of the central issues of his campaign — the strategic model was nearly perfect in San Francisco. Because LP activists were involved early in the history of BACABI; Because we stayed and fought those elements interested only in isolating the campaign from the mainstream of the California electorate; Because our commitment sprang clearly from our anti-statist ideology, non-libertarians in the coalition began to *listen* — and the LP gained respect and support.

"What is it to be a sexual outlaw? Archetypal outsider, he is a symbol of survival, Living fully at the very edge, triumphant over the threats, repressions, persecutions, attacks, denunciations, hatred that have tried powerfully to crush him from the beginning of 'civilization': Each night after the hunt, the outlaw knows he's won an ancestral battle — just because he's still alive and free."

— from John Rechy's
The Sexual Outlaw

Nor did we "lose", or in any way compromise Libertarian ideology in the midst of what was certainly a liberal/Left amalgam. LP strategy on this front was designed to 1) build the Clark for Governor campaign, 2) recruit gays into the Party, and 3) lay the foundations for a strong Libertarian bid in the 1979 local elections.

Keeping the struggle in the context of these priorities, the real danger was not in losing our ideological identity, but precisely the opposite danger of stating our case too tridently and insistently. Our goal was *not* to get BACABI (the Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative) to formally endorse the Libertarian perspective on this question; that is, the LP did not, of course, push for the adoption of a position calling for the immediate abolition of the public school system — it merely exposed many thousands of gay women and men to that position for the first time. Libertarians were determined to make Proposition 6 a civil liberties issue, and *not* a public opinion poll on the "morality" of same-sex love. This was one election the bigots weren't going to turn into a circus.

The LP enjoyed all the many benefits such a coalition makes possible; Ed Clark spoke at massive rallies sponsored by the No-on-6 coalition; we were visible at virtually every No-on-6 event; Clark denounced Prop. 6 as "a vicious fraud", and published campaign brochures devoted exclusively to that single issue; Clark and the Party denounced Briggs in radio ads, TV ads, newspaper ads, public debates, and speeches all over the state of California.

A look at the county-by-county election totals racked up by the LP in California dramatizes, in terms of actual results, the spectacular potential of active Libertarian participation in the struggle for gay liberation. In nine cases out of ten, counties totaling higher than the state LP percentage (5.5%) were also those counties which handed Briggs his biggest defeats. Southern California — which is generally more con-

servative on "lifestyle" issues — was way below the statewide average; it was in the more sophisticated, more liberal (solidly anti-Briggs) north that the LP scored its most consistent, impressive gains. The LP gubernatorial strategy — which was to emphasize economic *and* personal freedom, tying the tax revolt into the struggle for civil liberties, while never emphasizing one at the expense of the other — was an attempt to garner votes from both the left and the right, and a testing of the political winds. The question was: Who would be more willing, when it came right down to it, to vote for their principles by voting for a "third party" candidate — a "liberal" attracted by our position on civil liberties issues, or a "conservative" drawn in from the tax revolt?

The unprecedented percentages scored in the northern counties are matched only by two southern counties (one of which is a special case, where Clark was endorsed by the local newspaper and given a record amount of media coverage.)

That's one test where the results — even taking into consideration all possible variables — seem to indicate that ex-LP National Chairman Ed Crane's recent contention (in a speech at the last National Convention) that Libertarians have more in common with the Left than the Right is closer to the truth than even he imagined.

The campaign against Briggs and his odious initiative not only improved the relationship of the LP to the gay liberation movement; It improved the relationship of the gay liberation movement to itself. The focus of the struggle has now shifted away from a dogmatic insistence on "anti-discrimination" laws. The gay community is in a more militant mood — more than ready to face the inevitable onslaught that is sure to come in 1980, if not before. Far from being a retreat, this is a great leap forward; now, at last, the genuine concerns of the gay community can come to the fore, instead of the narrow concerns and goals imposed by Democratic Party hacks and their gay flunkies.

The oppression of gays continues, accelerates; and the militance of the movement accelerates even faster. One of the great tragedies of the degeneration of the Stonewall Revolution into just another "civil rights" pressure group was that the real issues never got talked about. Violence against the gay community, by thugs both in an out of uniform, is the single greatest crime against gays in this country; The inherently oppressive system of "public" education, which makes more propaganda for the nuclear family than even daytime television, runs a close second; the discriminatory tax structure (which, in effect, levies *fines* on gay people) and laws discriminating against gay parents run a very close third.

The brutal reality of violence against the gay community is becoming such a problem that even the most adamant gay "moderates" acknowledge the facts (although they balk at drawing the obvious conclusion). Thus, Edmund White, writing in *Christopher Street* magazine, tells us:

Perhaps the biggest problem facing Houston gays is violence in the streets. The gay ghetto is Montrose . . . In May and June alone there were three stabbings and eight beatings in Montrose. The victims were gay men . . . The police ignore the danger; if they do respond to a call for help, they often arrest the gay victim on the charge of public intoxication, a vague measure that permits officers to harass anyone they choose to . . . Two years ago a gay bartender, Gary Wayne Stock, made an illegal left turn and was shot to death by a Houston policeman, who was cleared of blame. The cop claims that Stock refused to pull over and was gunned down during a highway chase. But only eight minutes elapsed between Stock's departure from work and the moment he was killed. Since he was shot only a few blocks away from the bar, he could scarcely have been speeding. The court failed to subpoena any gay witnesses.

These are the *real* issues. Their successful resolution will mean the completion of the Stonewall Revolution. Of course, Stonewall wasn't the first revolution to be betrayed by its leaders, nor will it be the last. The real task of gay liberation is the redemption of the *original* Revolution of 1776. But it cannot achieve that task in and of itself. Only an organized party devoted to a consistent ideology of liberty, and armed with a strategic vision capable of accelerating the internal contradictions of statist society, can be equal to that kind of a challenge — and, ultimately, more than equal to it.

BOOKS

Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity Among Men And Women
by Alan P. Bell & Martin S. Weinberg
505 pp.; Simon & Schuster; \$12.95

This book is the result of a study begun by the late Alfred C. Kinsey and completed by the National Institute of Mental Health Task Force on Homosexuality. "Task Force" has an awesome, military ring to it — one imagines a veritable *army* of statisticians in white smocks, armed with flashing computers and a ruthless precision — and that tone is consistent throughout. Over 1500 homosexual women and men — Bay Area residents all — were interviewed by a platoon of sociologists, their souls (or, at least, data on every bit of trivia imaginable) fed into the tortuous circuitry of the Sociological Construct. What came out the other end was the same old excrement, slapped between the covers of a book and given a \$12.95 price tag.

After wading through — as opposed to actually *reading* — all 505 pages of largely irrelevant data, what we discover is the irrefutable wisdom of the computer programmer's favorite aphorism: "Garbage in — garbage out". What we discover is the real task of this "Task Force" — an attempt to define homosexual behavior in heterosexual terms. Bell and Weinberg divide the gay population into five categories, ranging from those who mimic conventional heterosexual forms almost to the letter ("Close-Coupled"), to those who insist on indiscretion as a way of life ("Functionals"), which of course necessitates the existence of "Dysfunctionals" (self-explanatory), not to mention "Asexuals".

After beating around the bush a great deal, the authors finally spill the beans on p. 224:

The Functionals' good adjustment seems to be a function of their particular personalities. They are energetic and self-reliant, cheerful and optimistic, and comfortable with their highly emphasized sexuality. One should not conclude, however, that Functionals are an ideal type as regards coping with a homosexual orientation. It is rather the Close-Coupled men and women who have made the best adjustment. For example, while the Functionals had few sexual problems and were not very depressive or unhappy, the Close-Coupled surpass them in these respects. When the two groups are compared directly, we see that the Functionals understandably spend less time at home and see their friends more often, but the males are more tense, unhappy, and lonely than their Close-Coupled counterparts.

In other words, there's no getting away from the nuclear family, kids — in spite of the fact that, according to this book, "The Functional men and women were least likely to regret being homosexual . . . had few, if any sexual problems . . . (and) of all the groups, they were . . . the most exuberant, and the most involved with their many friends." — in spite of all that, *true* happiness can only be achieved by following the familiar heterosexual patterns and conventions as closely as possible. In spite of the fact that these "Functionals" (a curiously neutral designation for these happy-go-lucky creatures) seem to be having a good time, and are, so far as they know, happy, they *cannot* be as happy as they *ought* to be. How else can anyone — gay or straight — reach happiness unless they first reach that pinnacle of bourgeois contentment, that plateau of emotional fulfillment known as marriage?

This book — ostensibly sympathetic to the "plight" of the homosexual — is actually quite the reverse, in fact if not in motivation. It makes clear what gays have always known — that the real deviation is not the homosexual *act* but the homosexual *lifestyle*. Yes, there really *are* millions of people running around who feel no desire to "settle down" (one thinks of mud settling to the bottom of a pond). Yes, there really is another way to live and be happy, beyond the confines of the heterosexual paradigm — beyond even the confines of monogamy. Again, most gay people already know this. It remains for the rest of society to discover it.

6 —Justin Raimondo

MOVEMENT UPDATE

Libertarian Party Election Results

State	Office	% of Vote
Alaska	State Legis.	27.8**
		29.1**
		32.8**
		35.3**
Ariz.	State Treas. State Mine Inspector US Congress State Legis.	5.8
		7.2
		15.1*
		5.4*
		5.5
		8.1*
		10.0*
Calif. Colo.	Constable State Legis. State Legis.	10.9*
		18.2*
		20.5*
		5.8
Hawaii Idaho	State Bd. Ed. State Legis.	5.6
		15.1
		22.5**
		5.6
Md. Mass.	State Legis. State Legis.	15.1
		16.5*
		13.6*
		14.8*
Nev.	Lt. Gov. State Legis.	18.8*
		5.8
		12.5
		14.0
N.H.	County Office	14.6
		17.9*
		23.2*
		12.4*
N.C.	Supr. Ct. State Legis.	12.9
		15.9*
		12.3
		13.0
Ohio Oreg.	US Congress County Office	14.3
		20.9
		8.0
		7.0
Tenn.	State Legis.	5.4
		9.0
		12.0
		19.0
		9.9

* two-way race
** voters could vote for more than one person

• As many of you know, Ed Clark received 5.5% of the statewide California vote in his race for Governor. The Party is now suing for a place on the ballot. Preliminary indications would seem to merit optimism, but the LP is gearing up for a massive registration drive, just in case the bureaucrats pull a fast one . . . • Proposition W, the San Francisco ballot measure which was a statement of policy instructing the District Attorney and the Sheriff to cease the prosecution of the laws against marijuana. The initiative won, garnering 60% of the vote. Because the measure was only a statement of policy, and does not have the force of law, legislation designed to implement the will of the voters will be introduced into the Board of Supervisors . . . • Students for a Libertarian Society pulled off a successful rally against Proposition 6, at San Francisco State University. Speakers included Harvey Milk, Leonard Matlovitch, Ed Clark, Eric Garris, and Justin Raimondo. The crowd was estimated at 1000 . . . • Rumors that Ed Clark is at least considering the possibility should not be automatically discounted . . . • Roger MacBride's new libertarian magazine, *Mercury*, looks — and reads — like *Reader's Digest* . . . • Speaking of Roger MacBride, it seems he's no longer seeking the LP Presidential nomination. The story is that he dropped out in favor of Bill Hunscher, the Chair of the New Hampshire LP . . . • According to the November 1978 issue of *The Objectivist Calendar*, Ayn Rand has granted Henry Jaffe Enterprises, Inc. the rights to produce the television version of *Atlas Shrugged* for NBC. The script will be written by Sterling Silliphant, who won an Academy Award for his screenplay of *In The Heat Of The Night*. The 8-hour mini-series will be broadcast during the 1980-1981 season . . . • Fake-"libertarians" running as Republicans did poorly this November: Bernie Losching, LP National Committee member who ran as a Republican in Wisconsin got 35% of the vote, not even close. Woody Jenkins, running as a Republican for Louisiana's Senate seat, flopped with 41%. Joe Gentili, head of something called the "Libertarian Republican Alliance", managed to trail the Democrat by 5000 votes.

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Who We Are

We are members of the Libertarian Party of California with a revolutionary perspective. We are Libertarians who take part in the struggle for liberty fully armed with a comprehensive strategic vision, inseparable from ideology, *based on a class analysis* of the inherent contradictions of statist society.

The existence of political power automatically divides the population into two distinct classes; the rulers and the ruled. But rulers cannot command automatic obedience; in order to exercise and retain power the ruling class must collaborate with other classes. The aristocracy of power must make alliances with the bourgeoisie, the working class, students, and various ethnic and social constituencies which cut right across class lines. The alternative is isolation, and revolution . . . Therefore, the ruling class oligarchy is constantly seeking to co-opt and absorb the alienated elements in modern statist society by constantly expanding the public sector. In order to save the tottering structure of the social planner's Grand Design, from completely collapsing, these manipulators have created an entirely new socio-economic class formation to serve as the shock troops of the egalitarian future.

This New Class — those in the pay of the State — feeds on the private sector, and is in fact dependent on it for survival. Fundamentally parasitic, these workers produce nothing but oppression. This new class formation reflects the organic development of welfare statism into fascism; the government workers, whose tone of hysterical fear and whining belligerence assured the passage of Jarvis-Gann, are well-organized and well-financed. The public employee unions are the organized cadre of the ruling class bureaucrats, the elite storm-troopers of the statist blitzkrieg. The police; the military; the INS bureaucracy; the murderers known as the Drug Enforcement Administration; the IRS, the government agency which has apparently misfiled its copy of the Bill of Rights — these, and all the other personnel employed by myriad agencies, commissions, and departments, represent a well-organized, class conscious movement to expand State power. The New Class has a *vested economic interest* in the growth of controls over every aspect of human behavior, economic or otherwise.

This parasitic class is the foremost enemy of liberty, and will be so long as it is permitted to exist. Any strategy to roll back the State must clearly identify the enemy, and raise the class-consciousness of the public. The great masses of people are the victims, not the beneficiaries, of State power. The contradictions of statist society — the contradiction between the spirit of egalitarianism and the bureaucratic reality — become more acute as the welfare state becomes the Warfare State. In the final stage of statism — domestic fascism and international imperialism — the prospect of nuclear war looms like some Wagnerian gesture of finality.

The isolation of the New Class is the first imperative of a realistic Libertarian strategy. Their strategy is necessarily a *defensive* one — they must act to co-opt and absorb any source of revolutionary energy by making secondary concessions to alienated elements. These concessions mean that certain portions of the oppressed are recruited directly into the public sector, and into the ranks of the New Class. Although the New Class is overwhelmingly white, male, heterosexual, and from the middle class, the ruling class realizes that their power must cut across class lines if they wish to retain it.

The revolutionary potential of blacks, Chicanos, women, and gays who have been betrayed by decades of social welfare programs which have led to nothing but misery, exploitation, and crushing inflation is the greatest fear of the Corporate State oligarchy. These are the specially oppressed, the traditional scapegoats and the greatest victims of statist programs and policies. Slavery, the conquest of the West and the subsequent looting of American Indian and Mexican land rights, the historical subjugation of women, the brutal repression of lesbians and gay men — every single one of these are crimes committed on a scale so massive that it is almost unimaginable; and every single one of these crimes can be traced directly to the actions of the State. In these instances, and in others, what is involved is nothing less than the attempted systematic obliteration of an entire class formation.

The de-radicalization of the specially oppressed

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sed is the first priority of the New Class, because the middle classes have already been co-opted and de-fused. Fundamentally hostile to any change in the status quo — especially the radical change proposed by libertarianism — it is no wonder that the New Class was originally recruited from the ranks of the bourgeois. The staid, steady-state, planned society they envision is the political paraphernalia of middle class values, where everything is in its place — and everyone knows their place.

The LP Radical Caucus believes that if a revolution against the New Class comes, it will be led by the specially oppressed — by those who have a clear, concrete interest in the elimination of State power. All of us are equally exploited by government-caused inflation; but not all of us are forced to attend (invariably standard) public schools. Everyone is oppressed by taxes; but how many of us pay more in taxes because of lifestyle differences? The Pentagon, the INS, and the police violate everybody's rights every day; but how many of us are Viet-Nameese napalm victims, Mexican immigrants, or victims of the vice squad? The specially oppressed will be in the vanguard of the libertarian revolution because their oppression transcends traditional class lines. Their oppression is not narrowly economic, but is interfaced with other forms, such as institutionalized racism and sexism.

In order to realize the revolutionary potential of the specially oppressed, the class composition of any libertarian organization committed to political activism for radical social change must broaden. The first task of the Libertarian Party — as the only political party in the country currently fighting to radically decrease State power on every level — must be to prevent the New Class from submerging the disaffected and the dispossessed in a policy of class collaboration. The LP must raise the banner of social diversity, and fight the assimilation of autonomous ethnic and social classes into the grey uniformity of an utterly static caste system, a nation of civil servants.

The anger and frustration of the specially oppressed generates a tremendous amount of political energy; energy which, if directed against the State apparatus in the cause of liberty, could make a revolution. The LP Radical Caucus is committed to broadening the political base of the Libertarian Party to include blacks, women, Chicanos, undocumented workers, lesbians and gay men. This has, in fact, already happened — although not nearly fast enough. The LP Radical Caucus exists to reflect their concerns, within the Party, and within the context of the various liberation movements, such as the feminist movement, the gay liberation movement, and the struggle of colonial peoples (both within and without the United States) to achieve self-determination and full autonomy.

The LP Radical Caucus is working to build the Libertarian Party, on a state-wide and a national level; we are committed to working exclusively within the Party in order to promote and refine our political perspective.

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Begin's Peace Prize

If you want a particularly gruesome example of today's grotesque moral inversion, what could possibly surpass the Nobel Committee's decision to award the Peace Prize to Begin and Sadat? Of course, the Peace Prize will never recover whatever credibility it might once have had. Although the media — manipulated by the Carter administration — went all out to give the Middle East negotiations the aura of a *fait accompli*, nobody's buying it. The negotiations were bogged down less than a week after the great "docu-drama", starring Menachem Begin as a one-man show, which supposedly paved the way for peace. But Jimmy Carter in the role of Metternich is a definite case of mis-casting; at least Kissinger's deceptions had style, unlike Carter's clumsy, completely predictable manipulations.

Anwar Sadat, who couldn't bring himself to show up for this obvious sham, sent a representative instead.

This sickening display of cynical posturing and outrageous pretensions is a smokescreen for the betrayal of the Palestinian people, who are being used as pawns by the international power-brokers of old-style imperialism. Driven out of their homes, their land occupied, the Palestinians are captives in their own country. Any negotiations which exclude the Palestinians are doomed from the start; what the Palestinian people want, is *self-determination*, not solutions imposed by colonialist powers.

Israel's refusal to permit specific timetables for the election of local Palestinian governing bodies — the major obstacle to an Egyptian-Israeli agreement — and the refusal to cease the ongoing Israeli colonization process makes the real Israeli position clear; that the Palestinians have no rights, and that the new Palestinian autonomous region is to be an Israeli-controlled buffer.

Does Menachem Begin really believe that the Palestinian people will stand for it? Does President Carter really believe that negotiations which exclude the Palestinians, which ignore their "human rights", are valid or viable? Does Anwar Sadat really think that the colonialist powers will ever voluntarily relax their stranglehold on the world?

Of course not.

The gigantic fraud perpetrated on the American people by the Carter administration on the Middle East situation is enough of a moral obscenity — but that crime pales in comparison to the outright expropriation of the Palestinian people. All the slick media snow-jobs, all the pious declarations and hypocritical declamations will never drown out the angry crys and legitimate grievances of the Palestinian people.

When Menachem Begin dared to show up in Oslo to accept his Prize in person, he was met by the largest demonstration against a Nobel Prize decision in the entire history of the Nobel Committee; 10,000 Norwegians showed up to protest the fact that the Nobel Peace Prize had been turned over to the man currently responsible for war crimes against an entire people. The only sort of ceremony Begin and his colonialist friends deserve is a *trial* — instead of being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize by a panel of disinterested scholars, Begin should have been awarded a stiff sentence by a tribunal of his Palestinian victims.

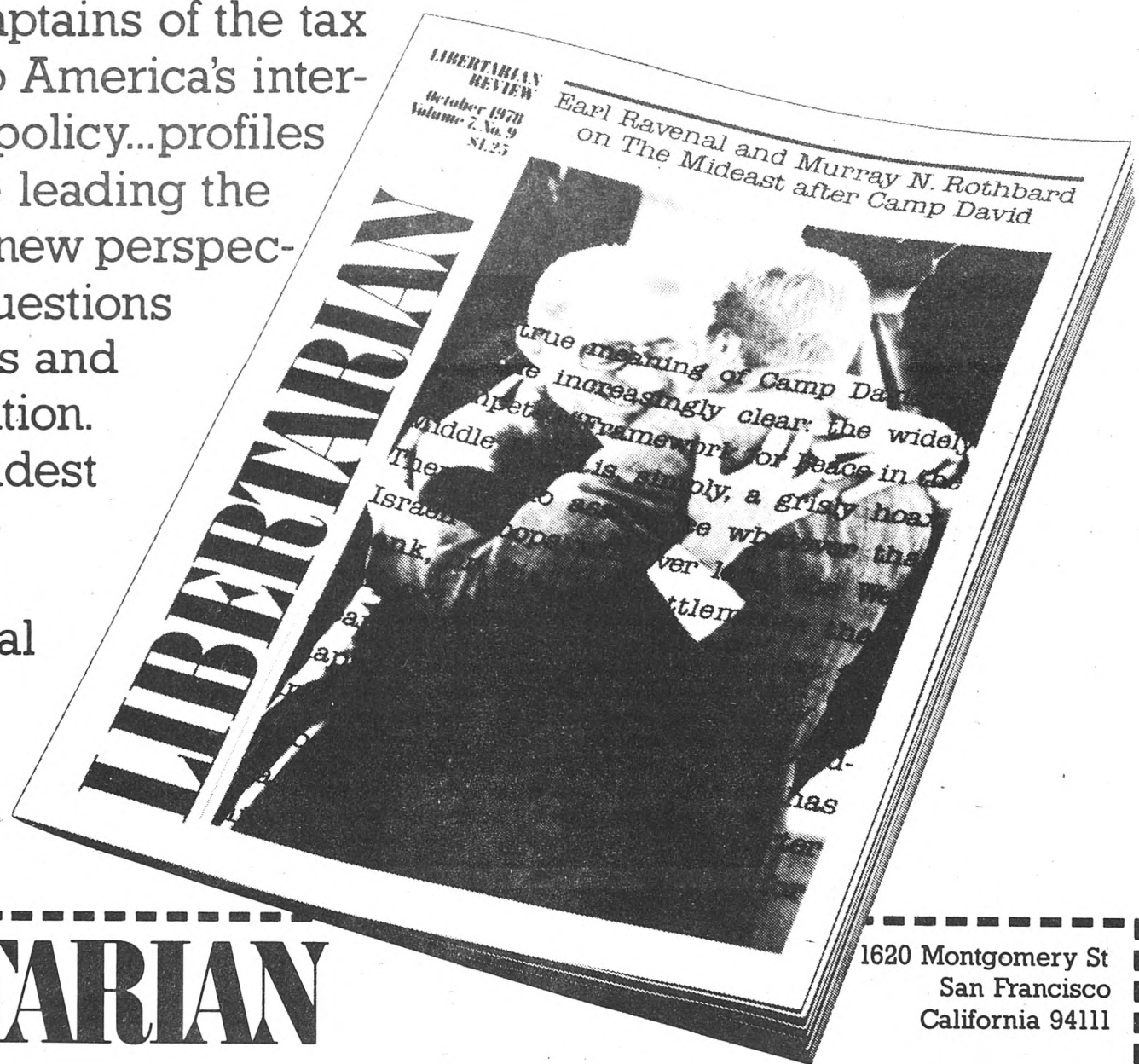
The era of colonialism and international imperialism is coming to an end; if the courageous struggle of the Palestinian people against outside intervention goes unnoticed in the rest of the American press, it will not go unrecognized in the pages of *Libertarian Vanguard*. While we do not condone terrorism, neither do we advise pacifism in the face of aggression. The Palestinians *must* fight back if they are to survive. The right of secession — which is explicitly advocated in the national Libertarian Party platform — applies to Palestinians just as much as it does to Puerto Ricans, Basques, and 18th century Americans. We support the Palestinian people in their uncompromising struggle against outright coercion because, as Libertarians, we can do nothing else.

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